1,399 were dipped in kymac sheep dip and 181 scrub rams in the flocks of members were castrated. The total weight of wool of all grades collected was about 437 lbs.

The Mysore Sheep Breeding Scheme spread over a period of three years has been approved by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, and the work connected therewith will be taken up as soon as the required funds are made available.

6. *Poultry Farms.*—Poultry farming was continued at Hebbal, Ajjampur and Nagenhalli and new farms were opened at Yellachihalli, Hassan and Closepet during the year. The number of birds maintained on all the farms at the close of the year was 1,118 (663). The total egg production was 45,764 (23,541). The pullet and hen year records for the white leghorn were 222 and 195 respectively and those for Rhode Island Red were 202 and 181; 92 per cent of eggs of the former birds and 98 per cent of the latter belonged to "A" grade. The demand for birds and fertile eggs for breeding purposes was so great that it could not be met fully in spite of the opening of three more farms and increasing the stock. It is gratifying to note that poultry farming is gaining in popularity especially among the raiyats. Free poultry training courses are reported to have been started at Hebbal for the benefit of private people and others interested in poultry farming. Students from various parts of India and educated rural folk took advantage of this training. The heavy mortality among poultry is said to have been due to the absence of suitable vaccine against chicken pox. In the latter part of the year, a vaccine manufactured in the Mysore Serum Institute was largely used to control the incidence and outbreak of chicken pox. Other preventive measures were also adopted to check the spread of other poultry diseases.

The proposal to appoint five poultry demonstrators to look after the work at the poultry farms has been sanctioned by Government.

The work of the Department continued to be satisfactory.

J. APPAJI GOWDA,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Addition to the list of members on the Mysore Dasara Exhibition Committee.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

O. M. No. D. 866—EXHN. 19-40, DATED CAMP BANGALORE, THE 2ND AUGUST 1940.

Add "Mrs. Venkatesh, Mysore" in the list of members on the Mysore Dasara Exhibition Committee reconstituted in Government Order No. D. Camp. 19-40—Exhn. 21-39-2, dated 11th June 1940, which was published in Part I of the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 20th June 1940.

BY ORDER,
C. E. NORONHA,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.